

CHIEF JUDGE RICARDO S. MARTINEZ

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff

v.

PHILIP B. GILBERT,

Defendant

No. CR19-213 RSM

ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED  
MOTION TO SCHEDULE SENTENCING  
HEARING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

THE COURT has considered the unopposed motion of the parties to proceed forward with a sentencing hearing via videoconference and finds that:

(a.) Under General Order 04-20, felony pleas and sentencings may proceed by video or telephone if "the district judge in a particular case finds for specific reasons that the plea or sentencing in that case cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice." A plea hearing in this case cannot be delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice; and

(b.) Mr. Gilbert – would like to take responsibility in this matter and is seeking a sentence

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1 of time served; and

2 (c.) Mr. Gilbert wishes to be sentenced as soon as possible in light of a pending sexual  
3 assault charges issued out of Contra Costa County California for which he faces extradition; and

4 (d.) A videoconference sentencing hearing would avoid further delays in the ultimate  
5 sentencing in this case, which would cause "serious harm to the interest of justice." See General  
6 Order No. 04-20 (3/30/20).

7 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this matter should be set for sentencing hearing via  
8 videoconference at the earliest practicable date.

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10 DONE this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

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